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APPENDIX B: TABULATION OF ABORIGINAL KASKA CULTURE TRAITS

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THE following list represents the occurrence of aboriginal culture traits among the Kaska groups for which information was available. The list summarises traits referred to in the preceding text. So few data were obtained for the Espatotena that they have not been included in the tabulation.

Symbols employed have the following meanings:

X Present
O Absent
R Rare
F Occurs in folktale
I Incipient
T Taboo
? Applicability of data doubtful

The symbol for the absence of a trait indicates that informants did not know of the trait within their areas. It must be noted that items in the following tabulation do not follow the order by which they are presented in the text. Rather, in order to facilitate comparisons we have conformed fairly closely to the trait lists already published in the Athapaskan ethnographies of Cornelius Osgood.

	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River*	*Kaska Tsaloka*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Fauna				
Fish:				
Salmon	R		O	
Whitefish	X	X	X	
Trout	X	X	X	
Grayling	X		X	
Jackfish	X	X		
Lushe (ling)	X		X	
Sucker	X	X	X	
Pickerel	X			
Fish eggs		X		
Land animals:				
Caribou	X	X	X	
Moose	X	X	X	
Elk			O	
Bison (wood buffalo)			O	
Black bear	X	X	X	
Brown bear	X	X		
Grizzly bear	O	R		
Beaver	X	X	X	
Muskrat	X	O?	X	
Lynx	X	R	X	
Rabbit	X	X	X	
Porcupine	X	X	X	
Ground hog	X	X	X	
Tree squirrel	X	X		
Mountain sheep	X	X		
Mountain goat	R	X	X	

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Fox	O	O	O	
Otter	O, T	O, T	O, T	O, T
Mink	O, T	O, T	O, T	
Marten	X	X	X	
Ermine (weasel)			O	
Wolverine	O	O		
Wolf	O	O		
Dog	O	O		
Frog	O, T	O, T	O, T	
Fisher			O	
Gopher (marmot)	X	X		
Birds:				
Owl	X	R	X	
Goose	X	X	X	
Eagle	X	O	O	
Hawk		O	O	
Raven	O			
Ducks	X	X	X	
Grouse	X	X	X	
Ptarmigan	X	X	X	
Spruce	X	X	X	
Swan	X	X	X	
Loon	X	X		
Crane	X		X	
Whiskey jack		R		
Woodpecker		O		
Crow	O	O	O	
Birds' eggs		X		
Vegetable foods:				
Berry eating	X	X	X	X
Blueberry	R	X	X	
Cranberry, high bush	X			
Cranberry, low bush	X	X	X	
Strawberry	R	X	X	
Red raspberry	X	X	X	
Salmon berry	X	X		
Currant	R	X	X	
Soap berry	X	X	X	
Spruce fiber	X	X	X	
Birch fiber	O	X	X	
Jackpine fiber	X		X	
Willow bud	O		O	
Wild rice	O	O		
Wild peas	O			
Wild onion	X	X	X	
Wild rhubarb	X		X	
Wild carrot		X		
Wild roots	X	X		
Muskeg "tea"			X	
Muskeg "apples"	X			
Fern roots	X			

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Lily bulb	X	O	X	
Mushrooms	X	O		
Birch sap	X	X	X	
Poplar sap	O		X	
Chewing spruce gum	X	X	X	
Mud eaten	O	O	O	
Agriculture	O	O	O	
Fish primary food	X	X		
Starvation	X	X	X	
Gormandising	O?	O?	X	
Starvation cannibalism	X	X	X	
Taboo on cannibals	X	X		
Fish spearing	X	X	X	
Torch fishing	O?		O	
Hunting:				
Cohabitation taboo	X	X	O	
Hunting songs	X	X		
Bear spearing	X			
Bear "tipi" ambush	X			
Hunting with dogs	X	X	X	
Caribou skin decoy	X		X	
Caribou surrounds	X	X	X	
Sheep surround		X		
Carved hunting charms	X	O		X
Semicircular moose tracking	X	X	X	
Moose called by rubbing scapula	X	X	X	
Moose called with bark horns	X	X		
Footwear removed in hunting	X	X	O	
Human moose surrounds	X	X	X	
Scapulimancy	X	X		O
Giving away kill	X	X	X	
Smoke (sun) drying	X	X	X	
Pemmican	X	X	X	
Eating raw meat	R	R	R	
Stuffed viscera	X	X	O	
Foetal animals eaten	X	X	X	
Fish intestines eaten	X	X		
Blood soup	X	X	X	
Milk drinking	R	X	X	
Antler "velvet" eaten	X			
Skin-lined boiling pit	X	O	O	
Grass-lined boiling pit	R	O	O	
Hot-stone boiling	X	X	X	
Boiling in stomach	X	X	O	
Broiling stock	X	X		
Food served in dishes	X	X		
Food served in bark	X	X		
Man-women-children eating order	O	O	O	
Youth's water taboo	X	X	X	
Youth's grease taboo	X	O	O	
Youth's marrow taboo	X			

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Bear taboo for women	O	O	O	
Taboo on eating leg tendons	X		X	
Taboo on dog's eating	X	O	X	
Taboo on eating hind quarters	X			
Pets	O			
Special respect for bear	X			
Special respect for otter	X	X	X	X
Special respect for wolverine			X	
Special respect for wolf	X		X	
Special respect for mink	X	X	X	
Special respect for caribou	X		O	
Special respect for flying squirrel	X			
Special respect for toad	X?	X	X	
Fire drill	O	X?	O	
Strike-a-light	X	X	X	
Fungus for tinder	X			
Dry grass for tinder	X			
Fire carriers	X		X	
DRESS				
Tailored clothing	X	X		
Caribou skin most important	X	X		
Gut clothing	O	O	O	
Fish skin clothing		O	O	
Bird skin clothing	X	X		
Woven skin clothing	X	X	X	
Rabbit skin weaving	X	X	X	
Open coat	X	X	X	
Parka	X	X	X	
Parka stretching frame	X			
Shirt	X	X		
Combination trousers and footwear	X	X	O	
Combination trousers and coat	X	O	O	
Trousers	X	X	X	
Moccasins	X	X		X
Breech cloth	X	X	X	
Leggings	X	X	X	
Fur duffel	X	X	X	
Grass duffel	X	X	O	
Feather duffel	X	X		
Moose-hair duffel	X			
Goat's-hair duffel			X	
Robe	X			
Mittens	X	X	X	
Non-detachable mittens on parka	X			
Gloves		X?	O	
Inner belt	X	X	X	
Ornamented (outer) belt	X	X	X	
Head band	X	X	X	
Skin hat	X	X	X	
Woven spruce-root hat	X	X	O	
Birch-bark hat	X	X		

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Birchbark hat	X		X	
Sewn-wood hat		X	X	
Pillow	O	X	X	
Moss-bag baby carrier	X	X	X	
Bark-chair baby carrier	O	O	O	
Woven spruce-root cradle		X		
Cradle swing (hammock)	X	X	X	
Clothing decoration:				
Skin fringe	X	X	X	
Feather	R	O		
Fur	X	X	X	
Hair		O		
Paint	X	X	X	
Porcupine quills	X	X	X	
Bone	X	X	X	
Personal adornment:				
Tattooing (needle and sinew)	X?	O?	X	
Tattooing (puncture)	O	O		
Painting	X	X	X	
Greasing	X	X	X	
Urine used for washing body		O		
Face lightening	X	X?		
Labret	X	X	O	
Earrings (lobes)	X	X	X	
Earrings (helix)	O		O	
Nasal-septum plug	X	X	X	
Nose rings	X	O	O	X
Necklaces	X		O	
Wristlets	X	X	O	
Combs	X	X	X	
Cut hair	O	O	O	
Depilation	X	X	X	
Garters	X	X	X	
Urine for washing clothes		X		
SHELTER				
Surface rectangular house	O			
Semisubterranean house	O	O		
Rectangular birch-bark house	O	O		
Rectangular grass-mat house	O	O		
Skin tipi	R			
Conical pole shelter	X	X	X	
Simple lean-to	X	X	X	
Inverted V-shaped house	X	X	X	
Snow house	X	X?		
Cave shelters	X			
Roofing:				
Moss	X		X	
Sod	X		X	
Skin	R	R	R	
Bark	X	X		
Spruce bough	X	X	X	

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Grass thatch	O		O	
Snow		X		
Mat floors	O			
Brush floors	X	X	X	
Sleeping platform	O	O		
Pits for protection	X			
Dugout fireplaces	O	O		
Raised fireplaces	O	O		
Fire screen	X			
Dance house	O	O		
Menstrual house	O	O		
Smoke house	O			
Sweat house	X	X	O?	
Sweat bathing	X	X		
Open camp	X	X		
Caches:				
4-pole platform cache	O	X		
4-pole shelter cache	O	X		
Ground shelter cache		X		
Single-pole cache	X	X		
Tree platforms	X			
Stone cairn	X			
Snow cache	X			
Special ceremonial ground	O	O		
Two-family shelters	X			
Women erect shelters		X		
TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION				
Birch-bark canoe	R	O		
Spruce-bark canoe	X	X		
Canoes fastened in pairs	R	O		
Hunting canoe	X	X		
Transport canoe	X	X		
Decked canoe	O	O		
Dugout canoe	X	X		
Moose-skin boat	X	X		
Single paddle	X	X		
Double paddle		X?		
Square raft	X	X		
v-shaped raft	X	X		
Sails	O	X		
Simple-log bridge	X	X		
Multiple-log bridge	X	X		
Trail blazing:				
Notched tree trunks		X		
Moss or grass hung on trees	X	X		
Bent brush	X	X		
Stone cairns	X	X		
Snowshoes	X	X		
Loucheux-type snowshoe	X	X		
Hunting and trail shoes distinguished	X	X		

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Willow snowshoe	X	X		
Men lace snowshoes	R	R		
Women lace snowshoes	X	X		
Snowshoe staff	X	X		
Snowshoe pins	X	O		
Sleds	O	O		
Toboggans	X	X		
Skin toboggan	X	X		
Men pull toboggans	X	X		
Women pull toboggans	X	X		
Human packing	X	X		
Men do packing	X			
Women do packing	X			
Tump line	X	X		
Shoulder strap	X	O		
Chest pack stick	O	O		
Dog packing	X	X		
Dogs hitched in tandem	X			
Dog shoes	X	X		
Ability to swim	X	X		
Trade	R	R		
MANUFACTURES AND IMPLEMENTS				
Techniques:				
Tanning	X	X		
Woven basketry		X		
Matting	O	O		
Pottery	O	X		
Skin weaving	X	X		
Wool-fiber weaving	X?			X?
Metal working	O	O		
Porcupine-quill weaving	X	X		
Lines:				
Babiche	X	X		
Rawhide	X	X		
Sinew	X	X		
Willow bark	X	X		
Willow bast	O			
Whole willow	X	X		
Spruce root	X	X		
Willow root	X	X		
Spruce wood	O	O		
Fish skin	O	O		
Special bear skin	X	X		
Tanned skin	X	X		
Grass line	X	X		
Braided	X			
Twisted	X	X		
Feather line		X		
Cold-weather babiche drying	X			
Dyed babiche	X			
Babiche stretching frames	R			

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Nets:				
Gill	X	X		
Seine	O	O		
Dip net	O	O		
Willow bark	X	O?		
Netting of beaver	X	X		X
Fish weir	X	X	X	
Fish drags	O			
Fish spear	X	X	X	
Fish hooks		X	X	
Beaver gaff hook	X	X		X
Club (for fish)	X			
Lance (spear)	X	X	X	
Ice chisel	X	X		
Ice scoop	X			
Snares:				
Caribou	X	X	X	X
Moose	X	X	X	
Mountain sheep	X	X		X
Mountain goats			X	
Bear	X	X		
Beaver	X	X		
Ground hog	X			
Lynx	X			
Rabbit	X			
Bird	X			
Fish	X		O	
Bear spear	X	X	X	
Deadfalls	X	X		X
Bear	X	X		
Beaver	X	X		
Fisher	X			
Ground hog	X	X?		
Marten	X	X		
Snowshoe trap for birds	X			
Pitfalls for animals	F	O		
Bows and arrows:				
Sinew-backed bow		X		
Tanned-skin-backed bow	X			
Bow with guard	X			
Blunt arrows	X			
Detachable point arrows	X			
Multi-tipped arrows	X			
2 rows of feathers	X	X		
3 rows of feathers	X	X		
Mediterranean release	O			
Under-arm quiver	X	X		
Shoulder quiver	O			
Sling	X			
"Stick gun"	F	X		

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Knives:				
Bone	X	X		
Stone	X	X		
Copper	O			
Drawknife	O?	X		
Ulu	O			
Horn hafts for knives	X	X		
Wood hafts for knives	R	X		
Scabbards		X		
Scrapers:				
Bone	X	X		
Stone	X	X		
Tooth		X		
Horn	X	X		
End scraper	X	X		
Tooth awl	X	X		
Wood awl	X			
Stone adz	O	O		
Horn adz	X	X		
Stone ax	X	O		
Stone hammer	X			
Stone pestle	X			
Wood wedge	X	X		
Wood maul	O			
Stone maul	X			
Containers:				
One-piece wood dishes	X	X		
Sewn-wood dishes	O			
Horn spoons	X	X		X
Wood spoons	X			
Birch-bark baskets	X	X	X	
Birch-bark dishes	X	X		
Spruce-bark baskets	X	X		
Willow baskets	X			
Woven-grass baskets		X		
Skin bags	X			
Fish-skin bags	X			
Babiche game bags	X			
Intestine bags	X			
Clay pots	O?	X?		
Clay-lined bark vessels	X			
Snow shovel	R			
Netting needle (shuttle)	X			
Net measure	X			
Bark remover	X	X		
Rabbit-skin weaving frame	O			
Skin snow glasses	X			
Bark snow glasses	X			
Willow broom	X			
Form-board skin stretchers	X			

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Willow-pole beaver skin stretchers	X			
Woman's work board	X			
Bow loom	X	X		
Bone needle	X	R	X	
Bone thimble	X			
Skin thimble		X		
WAR				
Causes:				
To protect territory		X		
To gain women	X	X		
To gain property		X		
To gain prestige	0			
Revenge	X	X		
Weapons:				
Bow	X	X		
Knife	X			
Club		X		
Lance	X			
Bear-skin armor	X			
Bark and skin helmets	X			
Shields	X			
Scouts	X			
Sentries or look-outs	X			
War chiefs	X			
Face painting	X			
Cohabitation taboo	X			
Ritual with human dummies	X			
Hiding of children	X			
Canoe warfare	0			
Exchange of prisoners	0			
Scalping	X			
Decapitation	0			
Mutilation of enemy	X			
Torture	X			
Ceremonial cannibalism	X	0		
Dancing with scalp	X			
Tattooing as war record	X			
Hunting taboo	X			
ARTS AND ARTIFACTS				
Measures and directions:				
Monthly time units	X	X		
Body-part measures	X			
River-valley directions	X			
Cures:				
Bleeding for snowblindness	0			
Gum for snowblindness	0	X		
Sweat bathing	X			
Bathing in hot springs	0			
Urine fumes for colds	X?	X		
Fireweed brew for muscle aches	X			
Broken limbs set		X		

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Rock painting	X			
Blue-green color confusion	X			
Paints:				
Red	X	X	X	
Blue-green	X	X		
Yellow	0			
Black	X	X		
White		X		
Dyeing	0	X		
Wood carving	X			
Carved wood masks	X			
Animal-skin masks	X	X		
Bark masks		X		
Grotesque attire	X	X		
Incising by burning	0			
Porcupine-quill work	X	X	X	
Weather omens	X			
Drawing on snow	X			
Smoke signals	X	X		
Circle dances	0?	X		
Line dances	X			
War dances	0			
Musical instruments:				
Tambourine drum	X	X		
Plank drum	0	0		
Rattle	X	X		
Willow whistle	X	X		
Songs:				
Luck	X	X		
Mourning	X			
Shaman's	X	X		
Love	X	X		
Potlatch	X	X		
War		0		
Victory	X			
Amusement	X			
Canoeing	0			
Gambling	X	X		
Stone working		X		
Individual ownership	0			
Toys and dolls:				
Dolls	0	0		
Miniature weapons	X	X		
Skin sling toy	X			
Buzz toy	X			
Bull-roarer	X			
Games:				
Wrestling	X	X		
Relative avoidance in wrestling	X			
Running races	X	X		
Boat races	X	X		

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tahltan*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Rope tug-of-war	O	X		
Pull pole tug-of-war	O	X		
Push pole tug-of-war		X		
Tossing in moose skin	O	O		
Stick games	X	X		
Blind man's bluff	X	X		
Drag-skin	X	O		
Swings	X			
Bow and arrow	X	X		
Hide and seek	X	X		
Breaking beaver bone	X			
String figures	X	X		
Story telling important	X			
Ownership of stories	O			
Riddles	X			
Gambling	X	X		
SOCIAL ORGANIZATION				
Matrilineal sibs	O	O		
Exogamous moieties	X	X	O	Xr
Moiety face painting	X			
Band organization	X	X		
Social classes	I	I		
Slaves	X			
Strong chieftainship	O	O		
Weak chieftainship	X	X		
Inherited chieftainship (patrilineal)	X	X		
Wealth a prestige factor	X	X		
Councils	X			
2-family social unit	X		X	
Ritual friendship	O	X		
Individual ownership	X			
Fishing sites	O	O		
Hunting sites	O	O		
Beaver creeks	X			
Ownership marks	O			
Patrilineal inheritance	X			
Family-owned beaver creeks	X			
Hospitality	X			
Hot-food hospitality test	O			
Cool food served visitors	X			
Adoption	X			
Berdache female	X	O		
Berdache male	O	O		
Position of women:				
Women do packing	X			
Shelter wife's domain	X			
Control of children	X			
Control of food	X			
Blood revenge	X	X		
Weregild	X	X		
Murder and manslaughter distinguished	X			

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Adoption of murderer	X			
Joking relationship	X	X		
Uncle-nephew relationship	X			
Brother-sister avoidance	X	X		
Crow-type cousin terminology	X	X	0	X
Iroquois-type cousin terminology	0	0	X	0
Mother called by same term as MoSi	X	X	0	X
Reciprocal term between MoBr-SiSo	X	X	X	X
Joking relationship with FaSis	X			
Feasts:				
Birth	X			
First game	X	X		
Girl's puberty	X	X		
Marriage	X	X		
Death	X			
Vision quest		X		
Anniversary of death	X	X		
Rich man's feast	X			
Mock feast (wolverine feast)	X			
War		X		
Potlatch:				
Between moieties	X	X		
Loaning to accumulate wealth	0	0		
Messenger staff	X			
Competitive games	X			
Grease drinking	X			
Special songs	X	X		
Ceremonial wigs		0		
To avoid intermoiety conflict	X			
Social customs:				
Skin band worn for fertility	X			
Skin band worn during pregnancy	0			
Repeated copulation for conception	X			
Nausea during pregnancy	X			
Food preferences during pregnancy	X			
Contraceptive magic	X			
Birth:				
Woman isolated	X	X		
Stooping (supported by women)	X			
Hanging to pole	X			
Secreting placenta	X	X		
Cohabitation taboo	X	X		
Infanticide		X		
Killing one twin	0	0		
Purification of father	0			
Unwed motherhood punished	X	X		
Circumcision	0			
Speaker's name taboo	X			
Teknonymy	0	0		
Girl's puberty:				
Puberty sequestration	X	X		
Menstrual sequestration	X	X	X	

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Menstrual hood	X	X		
Drinking tube	X	X		
Scratching stick	X	X		
Special dishes	X?			
Food or drink taboos	X		X	
Trail taboos	X	O		
Idleness taboo	X			
Menstrual pads	X	X		
Boy's puberty ceremony		X?		
Marriage:				
Engagement of children	X	R		
Monogamy prevalent	X	X		
Polygyny	X	X		
Polyandry	R	X		
Wife exchange	O?			
Wife capture	X	X		
Wrestling for wives	X			
Wife purchase	X			
Levirate	X	X?	X	
Sororate	X	X	X	
Matrilocal residence	X	X		
Mother controls marriage	X			
Boy works for bride's parents	X	X		
Divorce simple	X	X		
Mother-in-law avoidance	X	X		
Cross-cousin marriage	X	X	X	
Chastity belt	F			
Death:				
Due to evil spirits or ghosts	X			
Due to sorcery	X			
Due to natural causes	X			
Due to broken taboos	X			
Suicide	X			
Abandonment of living	X	O		
Disposal of corpse:				
Abandonment	X			
Elevated cache	X	O	O	
Cremation	X	X	X	
Second disposal	X		X	
Canoe burial	X	O	O	
Log burial	R	O		
Interment in ground	X	X		
Burial in house	R			
Body ceremonially displayed	X			
Body removed through rear wall	X			
Burial by another group	X	X	O	
Flexed burial	O			
Grave-worker's taboo	X		X	
Grave objects	O			
Mourning:				
Widow cuts hair	X			

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	Upper Liard Kaska	*Dease River Kaska*	*Tsetsaut*	*Frances Lake Kaska*
Survivors cut hair	X	X	X	
Widow scarification	R	O	O	
Widow blackens face	X		O	
Survivors blacken face	X		O	
Food taboos	X		X	
Widow controlled by brother-in-law	X	X	X	
Taboo on cohabitation	X			
Taboo on remarriage	X			
Severe demeanment	X		X	
Periodic wailing	X			
Distribution of deceased's property	X	X		
Destruction of deceased's property	X		O	
Mourning songs	X	X		
RELIGION				
Animism	X			
Belief in afterworld	X	X	X	X
Special afterworld for drowned	X			
Special afterworld for suicides	X			
Reincarnation	X	X		X
Belief in superior being	O?	O?	O	
Monsters	X			
Giants	X	X		
Dwarfs	X	X		
Special regard for otter	X	X	X	X
Nakani belief	X	X		
Animals with human attributes	X			
Cold being	O			
Moon being	X			
Water being		O		
Wind being	X			
North-wind being	X			
Fire being		X		
Feeding the fire	X	X		
Offerings to rocks	O			
Magic formulas	X	X		
Amulets	X			
Earth-diver tale	X	X		
Ceremonial number 4	X			
SHAMANISM:				
Public performances	X	X	O	
Power from animals	X	X	X	
Vision quest	X	X	X	
Power through dreams	X	X	X?	
Cures by sucking	X			
Plank drum	O		O	
Tambourine drum	O		O	
Rattle		X	O	
Clappers (snapping sticks)	X			
Ceremonial doll	X			

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Bear-skin dress		X		
Payment	X	X		
Divination	X			
Confession	X	X		X?
Illness by soul loss	X	X		
Illness by intrusion	X	X		X
Fear of sorcery	X	X		X